Strike in coal industry

744. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the joint trade union action committee in coal industry has decided for a six day strike in the coal industry from 15th March, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) At a Convention of certain non-INTUC Central Trade Unions (AITUC, CITU, BMS and HMS) held at Calcutta on 20th January, 1988, a decision has been taken to organise a strike of one week in the coal mines from March 15, 1988, over certain demands including implementation of non-implemented clauses of National Coal Wage Agreement-III, guaranteed jobs to dependants of retiring employees, abolition of contract system etc.

The Central Industrial Relation Machinery in all the concerned States has been alerted to intervene in the matter by starting concilliation proceedings immediately.

Instruction to Public Sector Enterprises regarding Calendars, Diaries, Greeting Cards, etc.

745. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had issued any instructions to various public sector enterprises to save the usual expenditure incurred on diaries, calendars, greeting cards etc. on the eve of the New Year; if so, the total amount of money so saved;

(b) what was the expenditure incurred by the Public Sector Enterprises during each of the previous three years; and

(c) the oveall total expenditure incurren on these items by various enterprises in spite of such instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The Ministry of *Finance, Department of Expenditure has* issued instructions to all the administrative Ministries/Departments during November, 1987 in view of the drought situation, asking the Ministries/Departments to *inter-alia* advise the public sector enterprises under their administrative control, not to incur any expenditure on diaries greeting cards, personal letter heads and other expensive items in connection with the New Year and other festivals. As the information regarding expenditure incurred by public sector enterprises during each of the previous three years and total expenditure incurred on these items by various enterprises inspite of such instructions, is not readily available with this Ministry. It will be collected from various Ministries/Departments and laid on the table of the House.

Production of drugs

746. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stipulated that production of drugs will be done only under registered certificates; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?